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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BY EC-9 TO LEBANON

AFTER DESCRIBING EC-9 DISCUSSION OF CURRENT MIDDLE EASTERN
POLITICAL PROBLEMS (REPORTED SEPARATELY), MFA POLITICAL
DIRECTOR RUTTEN TOLD EMBOFFS THAT FRENCH HAD SUGGESTED EC-9
MIGHT MAKE HUMANITARIAN GESTURE BY OFFERING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
IN EUROPEAN HOSPITALS TO EXTREME CASES, SUCH AS FOR BURN
VICTIMS AND AMPUTEES. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT
THAT PROPOSAL WAS WORTH EXPLORING, QUESTIONS WERE RAISED
AS TO PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES AND ACTUAL FEASIBILITY IN
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. GERMANS ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEMS
THEY HAD INCURRED FOR THEMSELVES IN ARRANGING TREATMENT IN
GERMANY HOSPITALS FOR VIETNAMESE, WHO NOW COULD NOT RETURN
TO VIETNAM. RUTTEN SAID THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED
TO SEEK VIEWS OF ICRC IN GENEVA ON WHETHER SUCH HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE WAS FEASIBLE AND WERE STILL AWAITING RESPONSE.
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